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URI student tours New England with 7th Regiment drum corps

BY KIMBERLY DELANDE
News Reporter

Most students who compete in college sports don't have the opportunity to play professionally, but a University of Rhode Island student proved to be an exception. During the summer, Nathan Gomes was accepted into 7th Regiment, an Open Class drum and bugle corps that toured in competitions across New England.

7th Regiment is a corps recognized by Drum Corps International, the governing body for competitive drum corps in the United States. Drum corps recognized by DCI tour to compete with each other across the nation from late June to early July.

The finals for DCI drum corps were held in Indianapolis, Ind., where 7th Regiment finished fifth place



Photo courtesy of Nate Gomes

University of Rhode Island student, Nate Gomes (far right) performing with the 7th Regiment drum corps this summer.

amongst 15 other teams. This marked the first time in DCI history that 7th Regiment placed in the top five in DCI Finals. Considering that 7th Regiment is considered to be smaller than the average drum corps (with a count of 60 members, compared to the usual average of 100), this

score was "unheard of," according to Gomes.

"The 7th Regiment turned a lot of heads this season," Gomes said. "There were corps with brasslines larger than our entire corps com-

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Senior shares positive internship experiences

BY JULIE DAWSON
Contributing News Reporter

Think about a store you enjoy shopping at for a moment. Do you really know what the company stands for? What is its reputation like? Would you ever consider working for a company like that? Asking these questions led Elizabeth Slaymaker, a senior economics major, to her summer internship at Target, a general merchandising powerhouse that is ranked 38 on the Fortune 500 list for 2012.

"I chose this internship because I respected Target and always enjoyed shopping in Target's stores. I also based my decision on the reputation of the company's internship program and admired their community involvement," Slaymaker said.

Slaymaker worked at her

hometown Tucson, Ariz. Target.com Fulfillment Center as a distribution operations intern for the inbound department, where she was able to learn all aspects of the business-like operations, logistics and developing herself as a leader. She shadowed Aaron Davenport, the head of her department called a "group leader," who manages between 20 to 40 other team members.

"At the end of my internship, my responsibilities consisted of leading the inbound team in day-to-day operations," Slaymaker said. "Leading the team was the biggest focus as the internship went on and I did this through removing daily obstacles for the team."

Slaymaker said she

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Junior wins Miss Massachusetts pageant, prepares for Miss America

BY NANCY LAVIN & JULIA GEROMINI
Managing Editor & Contributing News Reporter

While most University of Rhode Island students are settling in to the start of a new academic year, one student is preparing for one of the most well-known competitions of the country: the Miss America Pageant.

Junior Journalism student and Massachusetts native Taylor Kinzler started competing in the Miss America system in 2008, where she won the Miss Massachusetts Outstanding Teen pageant. This past summer, she competed and won the crown for the Miss Massachusetts Pageant.

"My friend suggested that I compete in the Miss America system," said Kinzler, who added that she had been a gymnast all her life. "Growing up, I wasn't really into any of that...I was a tomboy."

Although the most recent competition was only her third one, Kinzler said she thinks her calmness gave her an edge over the other contestants.



Photo courtesy of Taylor Kinzler

University of Rhode Island junior Taylor Kinzler being crowned Miss Massachusetts.

"I was really relaxed. It was almost that I was kind of at peace because I knew that I had prepared as much as I possibly could," she said. "I felt really comfortable and I think that translated."

When contestants compete in these types of pageants, they need to have a platform or cause

that they support, according to Kinzler. When she first began competing, she founded the organization "Give the Gift of You! Volunteer," which served as her platform. The organization essentially promotes the benefits of volunteering in the community, since Kinzler herself said she personally has

reaped the rewards of volunteering. Kinzler added that she noticed high school students in particular doing a great deal of volunteer work and decided to create a \$500 scholarship to recognize these students. For the past four years, since the organization began, she has awarded a scholarship to a high school

student with strong academics, extracurricular and volunteer efforts in the community.

Kinzler commented that the most difficult part of these competitions is not comparing herself with other contestants.

"Particularly in this system, there are so many talented, accomplished women," she said. "It's difficult not to think 'why am I not as pretty as her' or 'why am I not as talented as her.'" Kinzler also said, however, that this has made her gain a lot of self-confidence.

Despite increased self-confidence, Kinzler still said that the swimsuit competition is her least favorite part.

"It's difficult to walk around in a bikini, but it's kind of another part that I've learned to accept," said Kinzler. "[It's] empowered me to feel better in my own skin."

By contrast, Kinzler said her favorite part is the interview section.

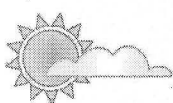
"Before I started competing, I was extremely shy [and] had a lot of trouble speaking," said

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Today's forecast
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Nickel Brief:

Check out tomorrow's issue to learn about changes to buses and roadways at URI.

Looking for ideas for a good movie to watch?

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bined that were totally baffled at how well we scored in the end."

Even if 7th Regiment is a smaller team than usual, its members did not take themselves any less seriously. Being a member of a drum corps that plays at a professional level, according to Gomes, holds you to a "much higher standard" than playing drums in a marching band or college drumline would. While other members of 7th Regiment had previously marched in a drum corps, Gomes was new to the experience.

"One of my biggest obstacles as a rookie was always being 'that guy' who messed something up," Gomes said. "It did get frustrating at times, but the professionalism of marching with 7th Regiment comes from being able to take harsh criticism well and build upon it."

Before playing with 7th Regiment, Gomes played tenor drums in the URI Drumline. However, the team was in need of more snare drummers when he was accepted, so Gomes signed on as a snare in order to aid the corps. In addition being new to the rigorous practice that drum corps demanded, Gomes also had to train himself how to play in a style he was not accustomed with.

"I basically signed on as a complete rookie snare drummer," Gomes said. "I had to learn how to play snare, which requires a different grip than I was used to. Not only that, but marching with drum corps is easily the most mentally and physically exhausting task I've ever taken part of. I was under a lot of stress."

Despite the challenges presented to him while marching with 7th Regiment, Gomes describes the experience as "life changing." According to Gomes, playing with drum corps members that shared his passion for the sport helped build friendships and tightened up their teamwork. While the work they did was "not for the faint of heart," Gomes said he would gladly take up another opportunity to march in DCI competitions if he could.

"Drum corps is unlike anything I've ever done in my life," Gomes said. "The life lessons you learn and the memories you take from the experience isn't something I could ever put a price tag on."

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Kinzler. Since she started doing interviews, she added, "[I am] becoming more confident and really owning my interview skills [and have] been able to take them and apply them to many different parts of life." Kinzler attributed getting the internships that she has had to her improved speaking skills.

As Miss Massachusetts, Kinzler is marketing the Miss America organization to the local community through public speaking, political engagements and visits to high schools. She is also reading up on current events to prepare for the interview portion of the Miss America pageant. In addition, she said she is practicing her talent, singing, shopping for gowns, working out and dieting to prepare for the competition.

Though Kinzler considered taking the semester off, she decided to take two classes because "academics are extremely important to me."

At URI, Kinzler is a reporter for the media athletics department and GoRhody, as well as a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

When asked about her expectations for the coming competition, Kinzler said she is trying not to have expectations.

"I am prepared to win and prepared to lose, which I think is really important. If you're cocky or negative, it's not going to be a good outcome."

Internship

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received and accepted a full-time job offer from Target to work as a group leader after graduation.

"Target truly focuses on development, and that focus allowed me to grow as a new professional, grow personally and most importantly, grow as a leader and broaden my ability to lead. Target has countless opportunities in many different areas and I am confident that I will be able to explore those opportunities," Slaymaker said.

Slaymaker's advice for other students who are interested in having an internship is to truly think about what you want to do and where you see yourself. Slaymaker said visiting career sites of those companies which you are interested in and utilizing resources at URI like Rhodynet, or visiting Career Services and The Office of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement, which are great for finding job opportunities.

"Both offices offer a great deal of assistance and can help you through your entire internship experience," Slaymaker said.



Rhody pic of the day

Lauren Trad | Cigar

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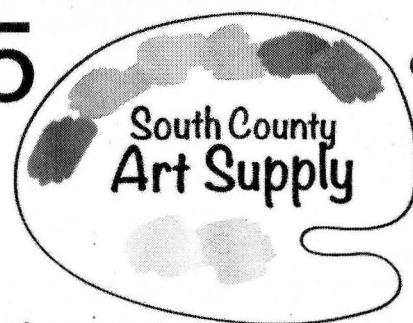
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Paranorman' exposes darker, smarter side to children's animated movie genre

BY AUGIE KING
Entertainment Editor

Animated movies that aimed towards children but don't talk down to children are a rarity. Typically, animated children's movies are filled with broad slapstick and silly circumstances because it's often assumed that children will only hold their attention for colorful chaos. Sometimes though, a movie such as "Paranorman" comes along that not only doesn't treat child like dim bulbs, but also trusts that they can deal with more mature subject matter.

Norman is a bit of an odd child. Not only does he have a strong affinity for horror movies, books, etc. (particularly zombies), but he also has the ability to talk to dead people. Unfortunately, no one else can, so he is often berated by his father (who thinks he needs to "move on" from his grandmother's death) and the school bullies on a daily basis. Soon his powers will have to be used for greater purposes

though, as the resident witch spirit has come back to enact revenge on the town who murdered her 300 years before.

Fans of the 2009 animated venture "Coraline" (and by extension "The Nightmare Before Christmas") should feel right at home with the creepy, horror-lite vibe of "Paranorman." It's certainly not a coincidence that both were developed by animation house Laika, which is quickly carving out their place in the animation field amidst Pixar and Dreamworks. A large portion of the appeal of "Paranorman" stems from its unabashed love for the horror genre, whether it's from the funny opening movie-within-the movie and cute little references sprinkled throughout. Norman's use of the "Halloween" theme as his cell ringtone put a big smile on my face.

The film is also unafraid of going to some macabre and dark places. This is still very much a PG-rated affair, but it

doesn't shy away from the moments that will undoubtedly freak out some of the little ones in the theater (although the ones in my theater seemed pretty thick-skinned). The stop-motion animation technique was a perfect choice for creating the world of "Paranorman," allowing for the type of angular and bizarre designs that flesh out the eerie settings and monsters to good effect. There's a tactile feel to the stop-motion animation that couldn't have been achieved with the industry standard computer animation.

While there is certainly a focus on the creepy and the freaky in "Paranorman," there is also plenty of humor to balance things out. Truth be told, the jokes could have been stronger. Although it generally gets stronger and wittier as the plot continues along, the first half has multiple obvious jokes ("How's it hanging," says Norman to a ghost that is stuck on a tree). However, I do give the film a

huge amount of credit for allowing the kid characters to talk like kids actually do. There's no mild cursing a la "The Goonies," but the humor (mostly later on) is remarkably more subversive than the trailers would indicate without using it as a crutch to lean on.

By the time the plot really gets rolling and Norman uncovers the truths behind certain characters, "Paranorman" becomes unexpectedly moving. The zombies descending on the town become more than just lumbering monsters, and a late scene between Norman and the witch is at turns both intense and touching, revealing a level of dimension that gives the film staying power beyond the jokes and endearing characters. If you're a fan of animation (and who isn't really?), there is a great chance you will enjoy "Paranorman," and if you're a horror fan then you will like it even more.

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A Listing of This Week's Local Happenings

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Wednesday 9/12/12 & Thursday 9/13/12

The Words - PG-13

12:45pm | 3:10pm | 7:15pm | 9:30pm

The Possession - PG-13

1:10pm | 4:00pm | 7:25pm | 9:55pm

Lawless - R

12:30pm | 3:45pm | 7:10pm | 9:35pm

Premium Rush - PG13

4:20pm | 9:45pm

The Expendables II - R

12:40pm | 3:30pm | 7:30pm | 9:40pm

Paranorman - PG

3:15pm | 9:00pm

Paranorman 3D - PG

1:00pm | 6:50pm

The Odd Life of Timothy Green - PG

12:25pm | 4:40pm | 7:00pm | 9:15pm

The Bourne Legacy - PG-13

1:00pm | 7:05pm

The Campaign - R

4:10pm | 9:25pm

Hope Springs - PG-13

12:50pm | 6:45pm

Showtimes are for:

Friday 9/14, Saturday 9/15 and Sunday 9/16

Finding Nemo - G

12:20pm

Finding Nemo 3D - G

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Resident Evil: Retribution - R

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The Words - PG13

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The Possession - PG-13

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Paranorman - PG

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The Odd Life of Timothy Green - PG

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Rhody
SPORTS

Football team disappoints in season opener

BY MIKE ABELSON
Sport Editor

Coming into the season the vibe around the University of Rhode Island football team couldn't have been more positive.

It was announced over the summer that the Rams would remain in the Colonial Athletic Association and several top players who were hampered by injuries in 2011 were back at 100 percent and ready to go.

Then Saturday happened.

Rhody's 41-6 loss at Monmouth University was the worst loss I've seen in my three-plus years at the school. It was like getting punched in the gut at a party and seeing the guy walk away with your girl.

The Rams were only able to put up 197 yard of offense with only 49 of those yards coming on through the run game. By contrast, the Hawks racked up nearly three times as much yardage as the Rams (539 total) and converted on nine of their 14 third-down

attempts. The loss was Rhode Island's eighth road loss in a row, a streak that dates back to Oct 2010.

Despite the result, a few players did shine for the Rams. Rhody's points came off the foot of sophomore kicker Dylan Smith. Smith, making his collegiate debut, notched field goals from 22 and 29 yards.

Junior quarterback Bob Bentsen had a consistent game, throwing for 197 yards on 19-for-28 passing. Junior wide receiver Ramadan Abdullah racked up 87 yards on seven catches, and senior Brandon Johnson-Farrell jumped to fourth on the URI all-time receptions list with six during the game to put him at 152 for his career.

Rhody did turn the ball over three times, which couldn't have helped the cause, but how could everything have gone so wrong?

Defensively, the Rams were breaking in an entire new secondary, but that was the case last year and the Rams nearly beat FBS school

Syracuse University in the season opener. On Saturday, Monmouth scored three of its touchdowns through the air.

The defensive line was a strong point during spring ball last April, but it was severely overmatched against a Monmouth offensive line that, combined, weighed over 1500 pounds.

What happened? I don't know. All I, and the rest of Rhody nation, can hope for is that the Rams take the game as a wakeup call and go into Saturday's tilt at Villanova University with a renewed purpose and vigor.

This team is far better than its performance on Saturday. It may still be summer, but Saturday is day where the Rams need to drop their trousers and show what they have. A road win, in league, is what this team needs to turn the corner that has eluded it for the last few years.

For more Rhody Sports updates follow Mike on Twitter @TheMikeAbelson.

Women's soccer team beats Manhattan 2-0

BY EMILY JACOBS
Contributing Sports Reporter

After coming off a 2-2 tie against the University of New Hampshire on Friday, the University of Rhode Island women's soccer team bounced back Sunday to defeat Manhattan College 2-0.

The win improves the Rams to 5-2-1 on the season, a record that is two victories short of their win total in 2011.

"The big thing was recovery, getting ourselves back to where our bodies could perform," head coach Michael Needham said.

The Rams were to take charge early on the offensive end with five shots on goal and two that clanged off the post. Rhody struck early in the second half when sophomore Samantha Leyh scored in the 54th minute unassisted from about 18 yards out. Once going up 1-0 the Rams kept the pressing the Jaspers.

"We are getting contributions from a lot of different places," Needham said. "We are scoring goals from a lot of different places".

Thirteen minutes later the Rams added to their lead with a goal from sophomore Nicole Genzardi assisted by Leyh. Genzardi ran onto the pass from Leyh, and fired it into the right side of the net. The Rams continued to suffocate the Jaspers for the rest of the game, finishing with 15 shots on goal.

Needham praised both Leyh and Genzardi with their contributions to the offense.

While offense was able to get opportunities, the defense kept the ball out of the defensive end, allowing Manhattan only one shot on goal.

Junior Chelsea Broghamer got the start for the Rams in net and recorded her third win of the season. Freshman keeper Danielle St. Pierre played in net for the final two minutes of the game.

The Rams were able to keep their composure and play a relatively clean game recording five fouls to Manhattan's seven. The team also had the edge in corners, taking five to the Jaspers' two.

Up next for the Rams is another two-game home weekend. They will welcome the University of Vermont Friday night at 7 p.m. and will cap the weekend with a match against the University of Maine Sunday at 1 p.m.

"We are going to enjoy this win," Needham said. "It has been a tough stretch of games playing five games in nine days. We are lucky to come out of it healthy."

Needham said Sunday's game was definitely a collective effort not just one or two players and he hopes to see the same thing against Vermont.

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Men's soccer road trip proves fruitless, gives way to Atlantic-10 conference play

BY CONNOR MCCOLLUM
Contributing Sports Reporter

After a 4-4 thriller at the URI soccer complex in home opener, the University of Rhode Island men's soccer team went on a long road trip to take on Northern Illinois University and Northwestern University over the weekend. Rhode Island returned from its trip with a goal-less draw at NIU and a tough 3-2 loss at Northwestern.

With conference play fast approaching in early October the Rams are set to travel to the College of the Holy Cross this weekend in hopes of snagging their first win of the season. The Rams have been off to a shaky start but they have the personnel to turn their season around.

Sophomore Matt Sykes is

the backbone of the attack for the Rams. The English-born midfielder scored three goals last season as a freshman and two of them turned out to be game winners. The crafty midfielder is trying to build upon what was a fantastic freshman season and continue to improve.

Another player to watch this season is Scottish-born striker Ross Morison. Morrison had a decorated youth career in Scotland. He played a key role for Blackridge Thistle and Whitburn in its run to county and regional championships in 2009 and 2010. The big striker is looking to improve on his three goals last season.

The Atlantic-10 conference is often a three-horse race for the championship between the University of

North Carolina-Charlotte, the University of Dayton and Xavier University. Last season Charlotte made it all the way to the national championship game where the team was beaten 1-0 by the University of North Carolina. Charlotte didn't lose many of their players that helped them reach the final, and are the favorites to win the conference again.

This is some of the toughest competition the A-10 has seen in years. Rhode Island, at this point, seems to be a mid-level side, but with some rub of the green, the Rams could surprise the A-10 this season.

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